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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) An interior material of an operator's cab for a work machine, comprising at least a structure member and a noise absorption layer, wherein

the structure member has at least one rib which is formed on an inside surface of a base portion thereof and comes into intimate contact with an inside surface of an exterior material,

a hermetically sealed hollow portion is formed by the rib in intimate contact with the exterior material, and

the noise absorption layer is disposed on an outside surface of the structure member, and the inside surface of the structure member and a part of the surface or an entire surface of the rib are provided with the noise absorption layer without eliminating the hollow portion.

- Claim 2. (Cancelled) The interior material according to claim 1, wherein the inside surface of the structure member and a part of the surface or an entire surface of the rib are provided with the noise absorption layer.
- Claim 3. (Currently amended) The interior material according to claim 2, wherein An interior material of an operator's cab for a work machine, comprising at least a structure member and a noise absorption layer, wherein

the structure member has at least one rib which is formed on an inside surface of a base portion thereof and comes into intimate contact with an inside surface of an exterior material,

a hermetically sealed hollow portion is formed by the rib in intimate contact with the exterior material,

the noise absorption layer is disposed on an outside surface of the structure member, and

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the inside surface of the structure member confronting the exterior material is provided with the noise absorption layer without eliminating the hollow portion.

Claim 4. (Previously amended) The interior material according to claim 1, wherein the structure member is formed of any one of polyurethane, polypropylene, ABS resin, and AES resin.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) The interior material according to any of claims 1 and 3 4 to 3, wherein the noise absorption layer is at least any one of a continuous foam body and/or a woolie fiber aggregate formed of at least one of low repulsion urethane, semi-rigid urethane, PET resin, and polystyrene resin.

Claim 6. (Previously amended) The interior material according to claim 1, wherein a surface clad material is attached to a surface of the noise absorption layer opposite to a structure member side.

Claim 7. (Previously amended) The interior material according to claim 6, wherein the surface clad material is subjected to a dirt prevention treatment.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A panel forming body, comprising the interior material and the exterior material according to any of claims 1 to 3 of an operator's cab for a work machine, comprising at least a structure member and a noise absorption layer, wherein:

the structure member has at least one rib which is formed on an inside surface of a base portion thereof and comes into intimate contact with an inside surface of an exterior material,

a hermetically sealed hollow portion, a wall of which being formed by the at least one rib and a portion of the exterior material adjacent the rib.

the noise absorption layer is disposed on an outside surface of the structure member, and the inside surface of the structure member and a part of the surface or an entire surface of the rib are provided with the noise absorption layer without eliminating the hollow portion.

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Claim 9. (Withdrawn) A method for manufacturing an interior material of an operator's eab for a work machine, the interior material comprising at least a structure member and a noise absorption layer disposed on an outside surface of the structure member, wherein the structure member has a rib which stands from an inside surface of a base portion thereof and comes into intimate contact with an inside surface of an exterior material, and a hermetically sealed hellow portion is formed by the rib in intimate contact with the exterior material, the method comprising:

forming the structure member having at least one rib in a desired shape by an injection-molding method; forming at least one hole portion in the structure member, the hole portion passing through the base portion from an outside surface thereof to the inside surface thereof when or after the structure member is molded;

attaching the structure member in which the hole portion has been formed to a mold; and molding a noise absorption layer on the outside surface of the structure member using the mold by injecting a material constituting the noise absorption layer onto the outside surface of the structure member, and at the same time, forming the noise absorption layer on the inside surface of the structure member and on a part of a surface or an entire surface of the rib through the hole portion.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) The method for manufacturing an interior material according to claim 9, wherein when the noise absorption layer is (reaction) injection-molded (RIM):

Previously attaching a surface clad material to a side of the mold confronting the outside surface of the structure member; and

(reaction) injecting the material constituting the noise absorption layer into an interval between the structure member and the surface clad material attached to the mold.

Claim 11. (New) A panel forming body of an operator's cab for a work machine, comprising at least a structure member and a noise absorption layer, wherein

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exterior material,

the structure member has at least one rib which is formed on an inside surface of a base portion thereof and comes into intimate contact with an inside surface of an exterior material, a hermetically sealed hollow portion is formed by the rib in intimate contact with the

the noise absorption layer is disposed on an outside surface of the structure member, and the inside surface of the structure member confronting the exterior material is provided with the noise absorption layer without eliminating the hollow portion.

Claim 12. (New) The interior material according to claim 1, wherein the noise absorption layer interfaces with the inside surface of the structure member and a part of the surface or an entire surface of the rib.